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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2001, (Paper No. 2815), the Applicant hereby elects Claim Group II (i.e., Claims 30-55). By this paper, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-29, without prejudice. The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

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